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MONTREAL FOR ICAO; PARIS AND BRUSSELS FOR FAA, ROME FOR CIVIL AIR ATTACHE

E. O. 11652: N/A TAGS: EAIR ICAO MO SUBJ: MOROCCO'S REELECTION TO ICAO COUNCIL

- 1. EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED CIRCULAR DIPLOMATIC NOTE DATED JULY 27 SEEKING SUPPORT OF MOROCCO'S CANDIDACY FOR REELECTION TO ICAO COUNCIL.
- 2. FOLLOWING IS OUR INFORMAL TRANSLATION:

QUOTE THE MINISTRY OF STATE IN CHARGE OF FOREIGN
AFFAIRS PRESENTS ITS COMPLIMENTS TO THE EMBASSY OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND HAS THE HONOR TO BRING TO
ITS ATTENTION THE DECISION OF HIS MAJESTY'S GOVERNMENT
TO PRESENT THE CANDIDACY OF MOROCCO FOR REELECTION TO
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THE COUNCIL OF THE INTERNATIONAL CIVIL AVIATION
ORGANIZATION IN THE FRAMEWORK OF GROUP 3, AT THE 22ND
GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE ICAO WHICH WILL BE HELD IN
MONTREAL FROM SEPTEMBER 13 TO OCTOBER 5, 1977.
ELECTED AS A MEMBER OF THE ICAO COUNCIL IN
OCTOBER 1974 FOR A PERIOD OF THREE YEARS, MOROCCO
IS A PART OF GROUP 3, WHICH BRINGS TOGETHER 10 MEMBER

STATES RESPONSIBLE FOR REPRESENTING IN THE COUNCIL THE LARGE GEOGRAPHICAL REGIONS OF THE WORLD. WITH MOROCCO'S MANDATE EXPIRING THIS YEAR, IT IS AGAIN PUTTING FORWARD ITS CANDIDACY.

IN THIS REGARD, IT SHOULD BE RECALLED THAT MOROCCO'S CONTRIBUTION TO THE SAFE AND ORDERLY DEVELOPMENT OF INTERNATIONAL CIVIL AVIATION IS OF A CHARACTER WHICH ARGUES FOR ITS REELECTION.

IN EFFECT, IT IS USEFUL TO NOTE THAT MOROCCO HAS NINE AIRPORTS OPEN TO INTERNATIONAL AIR TRAFFIC AND IS CAPABLE OF RECEIVING ALL TYPES OF COMMERICAL AIRCRAFT PRESENTLY IN SERVICE, AND IN ADDITION, HAS SIX DOMESTIC AIRPORTS AND OTHERS IN THE PROCESS OF CONSTRUCTION WHICH WILL SOON BE OPEN TO PUBLIC AVIATION. AT THE SAME TIME AS THESE INSTALLATIONS WERE COMPLETED, EQUIPMENT WAS INSTALLED TO ASSURE AERIAL NAVIGATION SECURITY IN THE FLIGHT INFORMATION REGION FALLING UNDER MOROCCO'S RESPONSIBILITY.

IN ANOTHER CONNECTION, THE NATIONAL AIRLINE, ROYAL AIR MAROC, POSSESSES AN IMPORTANT AND RAPIDLY INCREASING FLEET.

IN ORDER TO FACILITATE THE TRANSPORT OF TOURISTS AND BUSINESSMEN TO THE INTERIOR OF MOROCCO, THE COMPANY ROYAL AIR INTER WAS CREATED APRIL 2, 1970.

IN ADDITION, THE KINGDOM OF MOROCCO HAS CONCLUDED, UP TO THE PRESENT, 45 AVIATION AGREEMENTS AND IS SERVED UNCLASSIFIED

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BY 22 REGULARLY SCHEDULED FOREIGN AIRLINES, AS WELL AS NUMEROUS CHARTER COMPANIES. BEYOND THAT, IT IS AN ACTIVE MEMBER OF SEVERAL REGIONAL CIVIL AVIATION ORGANIZATIONS, SUCH AS THE AFRICAN COMMISSION OF CIVIL AVIATION (CAFAC), OF WHICH IT IS VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE NORTH AFRICAN REGION, AND THE ARAB CIVIL AVIATION COUNCIL OF WHICH IT IS A MEMBER OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

IN VIEW OF THE FOREGOING, THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS WISHES TO OBTAIN THE SUPPORT OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICAN FOR THE MOROCCAN CANDIDACY

THE MINISTRY OF STATE IN CHARGE OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS TAKES THIS OCCASION TO RENEW TO THE EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA THE ASSURANCES OF ITS HIGHEST CONSIDERATION. UNQUOTE.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: PLEASE ADVISE APPROPRIATE RESPONSE TO THIS NOTE.MOFFAT

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